

MALAYA - MALAYAN POSTAL UNION Postage Due Stamps

The Malayan Postal Union was announced in October 1933 and started administrative operations 1934. It was not the intention to have a common set of stamps but all postage stamps had to include the word Malaya in the design in order to be valid throughout the Union. The Union incorporated the colony of the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States of Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor all of whom soon issued new valid postage stamps. Membership of the Union was also open to the non federated Malayan states of Johore, Kedah, Kelantan and Trengganu but they choose not to join.

A common set of postage due stamps was however arranged using the design previously used by the Federated Malay States as it was more suited to the length of the name of the new postal administration than the space in the design of the Straits Settlements postage due stamps. The values of the stamps issued were copied from the previous postage due stamps of both the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, except that the 2 cent value was dropped in favour of a later issued (1938) 50 cents value needed for underpaid and overweight airmail items.

Straits Settlements
1924 to 1936 set



Federated Malay States
1924 to 1936 set



Malayan Postal Union
1936 to 1942 set



The design, the Printer (Waterlow & Sons), the watermark (Multiple Script CA upright) and the printing method (Typography) was used for all the printings of these postage due stamps until the Japanese occupation during the second world war. All the printings of the stamps were in sheets of 100 stamps with jubilee lines all around and without plate numbers.

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1 Cent Postage Due Stamp

Issued - April 1938 Replaced - December 1941 to February 1942
Watermark Multiple Script CA P15x14



Printings - sheets of 100
12/1935 - 2,500 sheets
1/1939 - 16,415 sheets
7/1940 - 105 sheets



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4 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - September 1936 Replaced - December 1941 to February 1942
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Printings - sheets of 100
12/1935 - 2,420 sheets
6/1937 - 315 sheets
5/1938 - 662 sheets
1/1939 - 7,445 sheets



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8 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - June 1936 Replaced - December 1941 to February 1942
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Printings - sheets of 100
12/1935 - 4,470 sheets
6/1937 - 750 sheets
5/1938 - 2,863 sheets
1/1939 - 2,100 sheets



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10 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - June 1936 Replaced - December 1941 to February 1942
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Printings - sheets of 100
12/1935 - 4,098 sheets
6/1937 - 1,500 sheets
5/1938 - 3,488 sheets
1/1939 - 6,868 sheets



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12 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - September 1936 Replaced - December 1941 to February 1942
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Printings - sheets of 100

12/1935 - 2,293 sheets

6/1937 - 105 sheets

5/1938 - 1,389 sheets

1/1939 - 1,574 sheets



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50 Cents Postage Due Stamp

Issued - January 1938 Replaced - December 1941 to February 1942
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Printings - sheets of 100
12/1935 - 270 sheets



Three examples perforated "SPECIMEN" affixed to piece and tied by **POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**/
H.M.B (Home Mail Branch) cachet in **purple**. These stamps are the surplus supplied to the UPU that were
not distributed and were returned to London. Unique.



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50 Cents Postage Due Stamp

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